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Appellant: Fisher, et al.
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APPEAL BRIEF

Dear Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of the Notice of Appeal on January 12, 2004, Appellant hereby submits its brief. Appellant asserts that no fees are due because Appellant has already paid the appeal brief fee with the submission of the first appeal brief on September 16, 2002. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C for any additional fees.

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REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is Meritor Light Vehicle Systems (UK) Limited the assignee of the entire right and interest in this Application.

RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no related appeals or interferences.

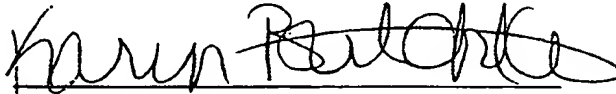
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CLOSING

For the reasons set forth above, the rejection of all claims is improper and should be reversed.
Appellant respectfully requests such an action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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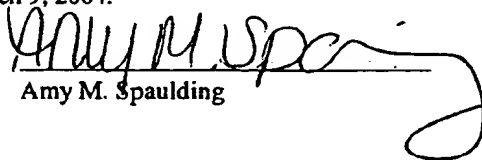
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Dated: March 9, 2004

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I hereby certify that the enclosed Appeal Brief (in triplicate) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 9, 2004.



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